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SUBJ: OFFICIAL ETHIOPIAN REACTION TO SOMALI WITHDRAWAL

1. ETHIOPIAN MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS ISSUED COMMUNIQUE
EVENING MARCH 11, CLAIMING THAT SIAD BARRE'S CALL FOR CEASE-
FIRE AND SAFE PASSAGE FOR ALL WITHDRAWING SOMALI TROOPS WAS
SIMPLE RUSE TO CAST HIMSELF IN IMAGE OF PEACE MAKER, WHEN

IN FACT ETHIOPIAN FORCE OF ARMS IS WINNING WAR ON ALL FRONTS.
COMMUNIQUE (AS HEARD AND HASTILY NOTED DOWN) LISTED FOLLOWING
CONDITIONS AS SINE QUA NON BEFORE CEASEFIRE CAN BE EFFECTED:

A. SOMALIA RENUNCIATION OF ALL CLAIMS TO ETHIOPIAN, KENYAN
AND DJIBOUTIAN TERRITORY AND DECLARATION AS NULL AND VOID
OF ANY DOCUMENTS USED IN PAST TO SUPPORT THOSE CLAIMS.

B. DECLARATION OF FAITHFUL SOMALI ADHERENCE TO ALL PERTINENT
UN AND OAU PRINCIPLES, INCLUDING TERRITORIAL INTEGRITY AND
NON-INTERFERENCE IN INTERNAL AFFAIRS OF NEIGHBORING STATES.

C. DECLARATION OF ADHERENCE TO PRINCIPLE OF NON-USE OF FORCE
IN ITS DEALINGS WITH ALL COUNTRIES.

2. COMMUNIQUE ENDED BY SAYING THAT ATTEMPT BY US AND ITS
ALLIES TO LINK SOMALIA WITHDRAWAL WITH COMPARABLE DEMANDS
AGAINST FRIENDLY COUNTRIES ASSISTING ETHIOPIA TO DETER
AGGRESSION WAS TANTAMOUNT TO AN UNACCEPTABLE INTERFERENCE
IN ETHIOPIA'S DOMESTIC AFFAIRS.

3. COMMUNIQUE BELITTLED SIAD BARRE'S MARCH 9 ANNOUNCEMENT
ON TROOP WITHDRAWAL AS ATTEMPT BY SOMALIA AND ITS FRIENDS
TO REAP SOME SMALL ADVANTAGE OUT OF MILITARY DEBACLE. AN-
NOUNCEMENT WAS NOT, AS SOME COUNTRIES WOULD HAVE ETHIOPIA
BELIEVE, RESULT OF OUTSIDE INFLUENCE OTHER THAN FACT THAT
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SOMALI ARMY WAS BEATEN.

4. ON FACE OF FIRST HEREING, EMBASSY READS MOFA COMMUNIQUE
AS CLEARER INDICATION TO DATE THAT ETHIOPIA HAS NO INTEREST
IN CEASEFIRE WHEN IT CAN CONTINUE TO WIPE OUT SOMALI MEN
AND EQUIPMENT AT WILL. (SAME BROADCAST ANNOUNCED RECAPTURE
BY ETHIOPIANS OF FILTU, SE OF NEGHELLI IN SIDAMO PROVINCE,
AND OF AIYISHA, ALONG RAIL LINE VERY CLOSE TO DJIBOUTI BOR-
DER.) COMMUNIQUE ALSO PUTS ETHIOPIAN GOVERNMENT ON RECORD
THAT IT WILL RESIST INTERNATIONAL EFFORTS TO GET SOVIETS AND
CUBANS TO WITHDRAW AS ONE OF DIRECT OUTCOMES OF WINDDOWN OF
WAR.

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